

**Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development****Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)****Grant Recipient: Matanuska Electric Association****Project Title:**

# Matanuska Electric Association - 115 KV Transmission Line Upgrades and Extensions Including a Line to Point MacKenzie Prison

**State Funding Requested: \$ 25,000,000****House District: Mat-Su Areawide (13-16)**

Future Funding May Be Requested

**Brief Project Description:**

\$25 million will be granted to Matanuska Electric Association for 115 KV transmission line upgrades and extensions in the Matanuska-Susitna Borough and Eagle River including extensions for small hydro renewable projects and a new extension to the Pt MacKenzie prison.

**Funding Plan:****Total Cost of Project: \$25,000,000**Funding Secured

Amount FY

Other Pending Requests

Amount FY

Anticipated Future Need

Amount FY

There is no other funding needed

**Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

\$18 million will be granted to Matanuska Electric Association for 115 KV transmission line upgrades and extensions in the Matanuska-Susitna Borough and Eagle River including extensions for small hydro renewable projects.

1. New transmission lines are needed for areas that do not currently have power.
2. Upgrades and relocations will be needed as road reconstruction projects are underway.
3. Numerous small hydro projects will require the extension of transmission lines.
4. The Mat-Su Valley and Eagle River areas are the fastest growing areas of the state. Transmission line extensions are needed to keep up with the demand for electric energy.
5. The Mat-Su Valley and Eagle River areas have not received state funding for transmission projects unlike many other areas of the state.
6. An additional extension will connect the Pt MacKenzie prison.

**Project Timeline:**

2008-2010

**Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:**

Matanuska Electric Association
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Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority? ☐ Yes ☒ No